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1. CONGRESSMAN SOLARZ WAS PRIMARILY CONCERNED DURING HIS FOUR-DAY VISIT WITH THREE ISSUES: ARAB-ISRAEL PROBLEM AND IRANIAN ATTITUDES TOWARDS IT; REASONS FOR IRANIAN ARMS BUILDUP; AND OUTLOOK FOR INTERNAL STABILITY. ON FIRST ISSUE, HE FREQUENTLY ADVANCED PROPOSAL FOR SETTLEMENT INCLUDING ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL AND PALESTINIAN WEST BANK STATE IN RETURN FOR REAL PEACE WITH ALL ARABS. TO A MAN IRANIANS WHOM CONGRESSMAN QUESTIONED CITED NECESSITY FOR ISRAEL TO WITHDRAW TO 1967 BOUNDARIES, BUT DECLINED TO PRESCRIBE SOLUTIONS FOR OTHER PROBLEMS, E.G. JERUSALEM OR REFUGEES, SAYING THESE SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATIONS. IRANIANS AND ISRAELI REPRESENTATIVE ALSO STATED THAT BASIC IRANIAN ATTITUDE TOWARDS ISRAEL AND FLOW OF OIL UNLIKELY TO CHANGE.

2. AFTER EXAMINATION OF ARMS SUPPLY QUESTION, CONGRESSMAN INDICATED HE THOUGH ON BALANCE BROAD LINES OF OUR POLICY WERE CORRECT. HE DID SEEM TO FEEL THAT LARGER ROLE FOR CONGRESS WAS DESIRABLE AND THAT CHANGES MIGHT BE MADE IN HANDLING ARMS REQUESTS. FOR EXAMPLE, HE THOUGH ARMS REQUESTS SHOULD BE SUBJECTED TO MORE RIGOROUS SCRUTINY FROM

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STANDPOINT OF FOREIGN POLICY AND POTENTIAL ARMS RACE.

AT OUR SUGGESTION, CONGRESSMAN MADE POINT WITH COURT
MINISTER OF CONGRESSIONAL CONCERN RE POSSIBLE TRANSFER
OF ARMS TO THIRD COUNTRIES.

3. BELIEVE CONGRESSMAN RECEIVED ADEQUATE PICTURE OF
GOIN PROGRAMS AND PROBLEMS IN USING NEW WEALTH FOR
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. HIS EFFORTS TO EXPLORE EXTENT
OF POLITICAL OPPOSITION SEEMED LESS SUCCESSFUL. WE WERE
UNABLE TO ARRANGE MEETINGS WITH STUDENTS AND OPPOSITION LEADERS HE
REQUESTED. HOWEVER, PRIME MINISTER AND OTHER IRANIAN OFFICIALS
GAVE HIM THEIR PERSPECTIVE ON INTERNAL POLITICAL PROBLEMS.
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